

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- gus a/ 1. Peripheral apparatus which can be connected to computer apparatus, comprising:
detecting means for detecting a voltage level of a signal line connected to a personal computer;
power supply control means for controlling a supply of an electric power from a power source to a predetermined circuit in accordance with an output of said detecting means;
10 communication request discriminating means for judging whether a communication request of a predetermined procedure has been received from the personal computer after the electric power of the power source was supplied to a predetermined power consumption unit by said power supply control means or not; and
control means for deciding the power supply executed by said power supply control means on the basis of the judgment result of said communication request discriminating means.
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2. Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said detecting means detects a logic level of a data line arranged between said personal computer and said periphery apparatus and said communication request discriminating means detects the presence or absence of the communication request at said logic level detected

by said detecting means.

3. An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said data line and a line for the power supply are
5 separately provided.

~~Subj~~ 4. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said peripheral apparatus is an electronic camera.

10 ~~Subj~~ 5. An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said communication request discriminating means judges whether said electronic camera has been operated by an operator or controlled by the personal computer or not, and said control means executes a control in accordance
15 with a result of said judgment.

6. An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said detecting means and discriminating means use the signal level transmitted through said data line as a power
20 source.

7. A camera which can be connected to computer apparatus, comprising:

recording means for recording a photographed
25 image;

detecting means for detecting a level of a data line which is connected to a personal computer;

discriminating means for judging whether an input signal is a predetermined command from said personal computer or not in accordance with an output of said detecting means;

5 image output means for outputting image data recorded by said recording means to said personal computer; and

control means for controlling a power supply to
said recording means and said image output means in
10 accordance with a judgment result of said
discriminating means.

8. A camera according to claim 7, wherein said
detecting means detects a logic level of the data line
15 arranged between said personal computer and said camera
and said discriminating means detects the presence or
absence of a communication request at said logic level
detected by said detecting means.

20 9. A camera according to claim 7, wherein said data
line and a line for the power supply are separately
provided.

25 10. A camera according to claim 7, wherein said
recording means has a buffer for storing the
photographed image information.

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a/3* 11. A camera according to claim 7, wherein said detecting means and said discriminating means use the signal level transmitted through said data line as a power source.